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As an IT professional I have watched with keen interest the proceedings against Microsoft. And in the end I am disappointed that from everything I have seen the remedies proposed fall far short of punishing Microsoft or even offering a remedy. As far as I can tell the remedy lightly slaps Microsoft on the wrist and in certain instances reinforces their ability to shut others out of the market. Specifically Microsoft can ignore any of the non-profit or share ware or free ware or open source vendors and their industry. Linux can become a viable alternative to Microsoft but under the proposed settlement Microsoft can strengthen their grip on the pc market. Please look very strongly at the remedies being proposed in the light of how Microsoft will deal with others in all industries. This is but one example out of many I see. There needs to be a lot more remedy for the industry in the settlement, all industries.

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